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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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<i>APR 18 2006</i>	<b>Application Number</b>	10/627,688
<i>CONTINUATION</i>	<b>Filing Date</b>	July 28, 2003
<i>PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE</i>	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	KATO
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	1723
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Dodge J.
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	2018-756

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.**

- a.  Previously submitted (Note: Any previously filed unentered amendments will be entered unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 30, 2006
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 31 months from the date of filing the RCE)
   
(31 months from the date of filing the RCE is the maximum period of suspension allowed.)
- b.  Other 81 FC:1001 790.00 OP

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  Applicant claims "small entity" status.
- b.  Fees are attached as calculated below:
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$790.00 (1801)/\$395.00 (2801) \$ 790.00
  - ii.  Petition is made to extend the due date months (less months previously paid) \$
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$
- c.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.
- d.  Payment by credit card (credit card payment form attached) in the amount of \$ 790.00
- e.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. **14-1140**

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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